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SUBJ: VISIT OF DUTCH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

1. DUTCH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION JAN DE KONING
CONCLUDED ELEVEN-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA ON SEPTEMBER 22.
UPON DEPARTURE HE TOLD INDONESIAN NEWSMEN THAT DATA COLLECTED
DURING HIS VISIT WILL BE INCLUDED IN DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S
FUTURE POLICY TOWARDS ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH INDONESIA.

2. DE KONING WAS GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTER OF STATE WIDJOJO AND LATER PAID
SERIES OF CALLS ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO, V.P. LAIK AND SOME OF
THE OTHER MINISTERS, INCLUDING TRADE, HEALTH, INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC WELFARE, ETC, HE VISITED
VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN JAVA AND SULAWESI WHICH HAVE
ENJOYED DUTCH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND PROMISED CONTINUED
COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY. HE SUGGESTED HEALTH MINISTER CONTACT DUTCH
EMBASSY AT JAKARTA TO WORK OUT DETAILS FOR PROGRAM OF
AID FOR HEALTH SECTOR AND TOLD MINISTER OF MINES AND
ENERGY SUBROTO THAT NETHERLANDS WILLING TO HELP IN RURAL
ELECTRICITY PROJECTS DURING THIRD ROPELITA(FIVE-YEAR
PLAN).

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3. DE KONING SAID CURRENT DUTCH AID POLICIES TOWARD
INDONESIA ARE NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ADHERED TO
BY PREVIOUS DUTCH GOVERNMENTS: MAIN DIFFERENCE IS
IN PATTERN OF STREES IN THE AID. BILATERAL FINANCIAL
COOPERATION AMOUNTED TO US\$61 MILLION IN 1978.

4. AS CHAIRMAN OF IGGI, DE KONING SAID AT PRESS CONFERENCE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT THAT FUTURE IGGI AID AMOUNTS "WOULD NOT BE LOWER THAN THOSE ALREADY RECEIVED BY INDOESIA" AND THAT INDONESIA WOULD STILL NEED FOREIGN AID "FOR THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS OR LONGER". HE SAID IN GENERAL HE WAS "IMPRESSED BY THE INDOONESIAN EFFORT TO STICK TO VERY TIGHT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS" AND MENTIONED THAT NETHERLANDS WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE THE PORTION OF THE UNTIED AID TO INDONSIA ALTHOUGH OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES IN THE IGGI DID NOT LIKE IT.

5. ASKED ABOUT EFFECTS OF CORRUPTION ON DEVELOPMENT, DE SAID "EACH MEMBER OF THE IGGI IS TAKING PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR DEVELOPMENT AID TO INDOESIA IS NOT WASTED."

6. INDONESIA ENJOYS A FAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE WITH THE NETHERLANDS, AMOUNTING TO \$112.7 MILLION IN 1977. MASTERS

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